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AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on August 10, 2002. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted, extending the period for response to October 10, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1, 4, 13, 15, 17-20 and ADD new claims 18-20 in accordance with the following:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of controlling a cache memory connected to a main memory and divided into a plurality of cache blocks, comprising:

supplying a lock signal generated on the basis of a lock instruction to the cache memory to set a replace-inhibition state of at least one of the cache blocks in which replacing said at least one of the cache blocks to the main memory is inhibited; and

performing either reading or writing of the main memory by using the remaining cache

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